







**The Letha Case**  
The trial of *Procurator Letha*, for the larceny of whiskey in the mountains came before Chief Justice Bigelow and a jury at Beaver creek on Thursday. Mr. Letha appeared for the defense. Two charges were brought, a criminal one for larceny and a civil one to recover the value of the whiskey, some \$300. The grand jury threw out the criminal charge. The civil charge resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$275—the value of the whiskey.

**Drowning Accident**  
News comes from Medicine Hat of an accident whereby a member of the 66th, William, fell into the river. He was 25 years old, while a number of the men of the 66th were bathing, one of them, named William Hollick got beyond his depth, and, not being a swimmer, sank. Before help could reach him he was drowned. Search was instituted at once, and about half past nine in the evening Mr. Winnet of Medicine Hat succeeded in raising the body. The sad news was at once telegraphed to Hollick's wife. On Monday at two o'clock, Coroner Anderson summoned a jury and viewed the body. A verdict of accidental drowning was brought in. The same afternoon the deceased was buried in camp with military honors.

**The Prisoner, Gilbert**  
The prisoner, Gilbert, has been removed from the police to the municipal lock-up, so that Constable Ingram might have the considerable advantage over his opponent, McMillan, of Brandon, which possession of the property in dispute gives him. The Sheriff of the county in Dakota in which the murder was committed has been negotiating with Ingram to take the prisoner to Brandon, as the evidence for identification was there. Ingram informed the Dakota sheriff that there was identity enough established here, and if any more was wanted it could be brought here. The Dakota man has telegraphed that he will be in Calgary by the first train and will do the "square" thing by Ingram. About the "square" thing he can do is to pay Ingram the reward advertised and take his prisoner.

**Knocked Down by Rail**  
The two companies with the accompanying transport of the 9th battalion, stationed at Macleod for some time, met with an interesting experience on their return to Calgary, last Thursday. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon a half train of an electric character overtook the outfit at Pine creek. The train started about ten minutes. There was very little wind, and, as the train was moving slowly, it was not until it was about 100 yards from the 9th that the two trains struck. The 9th was knocked down, and the train was derailed. The 9th was knocked down, and the train was derailed. The 9th was knocked down, and the train was derailed.

**The Town Council**  
The Council met Thursday night in the Council Chamber. Present—The Mayor, Councillors Lindsay, Clark, Millard and Fries. A deputation from the 9th battalion, consisting of Major Walker and A. L. Longhead, waited on the council to explain what steps were being taken to secure the protection for the town. They were informed that an appropriation of \$100 had been made for a book and ladder apparatus; that the 9th had been derailed, and that the fire corps was presently being formed. The council thought that the purchase of a fire engine was at present impracticable, as it would necessitate the building of tanks in addition to the wells, and of a fire hall. It was probable the fire engine would have to be left to next year's council, as the citizens would hardly consent to the floating of debentures for the purpose. The deputation then withdrew. The clerk was instructed to publish a notice calling for tenders to remove the electric street cars.

**Politics in the Church**  
To the Editor of the Herald.  
Sir—I was present at a social meeting in one of your churches this week and although politics are run pretty high when I came from it I was reserved for Calgary to have these burning questions dragged into the church. One of the firemen present made a speech and the Chairman said he was glad to hear such "liberal" views expressed as it showed that Conservatism would have to be driven out of the church as well as out of politics. No dissent from such illiterate remarks was manifested by any one present, so that they evidently "went down" with the office-bearers where they are. I always was under the impression that all that was good with church was worth conserving but such is evidently not the opinion of the chairman on the occasion referred to.

Yours Truly  
L. G. LETHA.

To the Editor of the Herald.  
Dear Sir—In reference to "Father" Scollan's latest production it is hardly necessary for me to say that his insubstantial assumption that "the two productions" which he evidently wrote under the pseudonym "John" from the "stage" etc. etc. is absolutely and I might add characteristically false. Any imagination in me will not even come to the "Father Scollan" "dressing himself" or "dressing the decorum of literary propriety" and as there is nothing in his letter but quotation, special pleading, and flattery, I bid him look for the publisher. I have neither time nor taste for dispute with "Father" Scollan. When he answers my former letter it will be time enough to consider "single handed" such a would be giant.

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